

SENATOR DAWN BUCKINGHAM VIDEO

AUGUST SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

HELLO FRIENDS THIS IS DR. DAWN BUCKINGHAM, YOUR STATE SENATOR FOR DISTRICT 24.

WITH MUCH OF THE SUMMER BEHIND US, I WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE YOU ON SOME OF THE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE GOVERNMENT UNDERWAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

LAST FALL, WHEN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DAN PATRICK APPOINTED ME TO THE SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION, I BECAME THE FIRST PERSON TO EVER SERVE ON SUNSET AS A LEGISLATOR AFTER PREVIOUSLY SERVING AS A PUBLIC MEMBER.

SINCE THEN, I HAVE BEEN BUSY WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THE SUNSET COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE WE CAN STREAMLINE AND IMPROVE OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

OF THE 32 AGENCIES CURRENTLY UNDER SUNSET REVIEW, WE HAVE ALREADY HAD PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR 17 OF THEM. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE ENACTED COMMITTEE DECISIONS ON 7 AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION, TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD, AND TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

THESE HEARINGS HAVE PROVIDED IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES TO MODIFY THE DIRECTION OF THESE AGENCIES TO ENSURE THEY ARE WORKING EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY ON BEHALF OF TEXAS TAXPAYERS.

OVER THE REMAINDER OF 2018, THE SUNSET COMMISSION WILL CONCLUDE OUR ANALYSIS OF THE OTHER AGENCIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER IN 2019.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUNSET REVIEW PROCESS, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT WWW.SUNSET.TEXAS.GOV

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, AND GOD BLESS.